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Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/805,806	Applicant(s) TOMIYAMA ET AL.	
	Examiner Julie Anne Watko	Art Unit 2652	

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☒ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,8-10 and 12-18 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4,8-10 and 12-18 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 15 June 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.
2. It is noted by the Examiner that a certified translation of the foreign priority document was filed on March 24, 2004. This filing overcomes the US filing date of Miyazaki et al (US Pat. No. 6631054 B2); thus, the reference is not available as prior art under 35 USC 102(e) against claims 1, 8-9 and 16-18.

Drawings

3. The drawings were received on June 15, 2004. These drawings are acceptable.

Claim Objections

4. Claims 13 and 15-18 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Claim 13 recites the limitation "said third side" in lines 1-2. No third side has been previously recited. The Examiner suggests --[said] a third side--.

Claim 15 recites the limitation "said first and second sides" in line 2. No first nor second side has been previously recited. The Examiner suggests --a first side and a second side [said first and second sides]--.

Claim 16 recites the limitation "rotting" in line 5. The Examiner suggests the limitation --rotating--.

Claim 17 recites the limitation "the opposite side faced to the first magnetic pole" in line 2. No facing has been previously recited. The Examiner suggests --[the] an opposite side faced to the first magnetic pole --.

Claim 18 recites the limitation "the side faced to the first magnetic pole" in line 2. No facing has been previously recited. The Examiner suggests -- [the] a side faced to the first magnetic pole --.

Appropriate correction is required.

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 1-4, 8-10 and 12-18 are allowed.
6. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: See Applicant's arguments filed March 24, 2004, which are persuasive. See also the Examiner's remarks above regarding priority.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

7. This application is in condition for allowance except for the following formal matters:
Objections to the claims are outstanding.

Prosecution on the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for reply to this action is set to expire **TWO MONTHS** from the mailing date of this letter.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Julie Anne Watko whose telephone number is (703) 305-7742. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 9AM-5PM, Friday 9AM-7:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hoa T. Nguyen can be reached on (703) 305-9687. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Julie Anne Watko
Primary Examiner
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August 6, 2004
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